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THE VIRUS CRISIS

NBA suspends season after player gets virus

■ The spread of the new coronavirus has forced the NBA to suspend its season until further notice. Also, the NCAA will ban fans from the NCAA Tournament.

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The spread of the new coronavirus forced the NBA to suspend its season after Wednesday's games.

The news came after a Utah Jazz player preliminary tested positive for the virus. That forced the cancellation of Wednesday's Jazz-Oklahoma City Thunder game just before tip-off. According to multiple reports, Jazz center Rudy Gobert was the player who tested positive.

Despite the announcement, the Miami Heat finished its home game Wednesday night and fell to the Charlotte Hornets 109-98 at AmericanAirlines Arena.

"Obviously, we literally just found out the news," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said after learning of the league's announcement following the game. "I found out as I was walking to the locker room. Our locker room is still stunned. This is a very serious time right now.

"I think the league moved appropriately and prudently, and we'll all just have to monitor this situation and see where it goes from here, but I think this indicates where everything is right now and what we talked about yesterday, the day before, before the game. It remains the same, but now it's heightened even more, our level of vigilance and we just have to sit back and observe and monitor the situation. But I think the league acted, like I said, appropriately to this."

KIM RAFF AP

According to reports, Utah center Rudy Gobert tested positive.

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President Donald Trump addresses the nation from the Oval Office on Wednesday. After he spoke, the White House canceled a planned trip by the president to Nevada and Colorado this week, 'out of an abundance of caution.'

Trump limits travel from Europe to U.S. for 30 days

■ President Donald Trump exempted the United Kingdom and 'Americans who have undergone appropriate screenings.' Homeland Security officials clarified that the restrictions would only apply to most foreign nationals who have been in the 'Schengen Area' 14 days prior to their scheduled arrival to the U.S.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Taking dramatic action Wednesday, President Donald Trump announced he is sharply restricting passenger travel from 26 European nations to the U.S. and moving to ease the economic cost of a viral pandemic that is roiling global financial markets and disrupting the daily lives of Americans.

Trump made the announcement during a rare Oval Office address to the nation that he is suspending all travel from Europe to the U.S. for 30 days beginning at 11:59 p.m. Friday. After days of playing down the threat, he blamed Europe for not acting quickly enough to address the novel coronavirus and claimed that U.S. clusters were "seeded" by European travelers.

"We made a lifesaving move with early action on China," Trump said. "Now, we must take the same action with Europe."

Trump said the restrictions won't apply to the United Kingdom, and there would be exemptions for "Americans who have undergone appropriate screenings." It also wouldn't apply to cargo. He said the U.S. would monitor the situation to determine if travel could be reopened earlier.

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Dade mayor declares emergency as county gets first case of COVID-19

■ County Mayor Carlos Gimenez declared a state of emergency in Miami-Dade because of the new coronavirus. It follows a statewide emergency declared by Gov. Ron DeSantis for the virus that causes COVID-19.

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Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez declared a state of emergency over the new coronavirus on Wednesday and said he might use his new authority to cancel large events and close senior centers as the county faced its first discovered case of COVID-19.

Speaking to reporters at Miami International Airport on Wednesday night after a flight back from the nation's capital to discuss how to keep the cruise industry afloat during the coronavirus crisis, Gimenez said he could decide as soon as Thursday morning whether to cancel opening day for the Youth Fair, which is scheduled to open on Thursday.

"We're reevaluating whether the Youth Fair can open as planned tomorrow," he said. "We're going to take a much more aggressive stance on major events."

Gimenez said other events being scrutinized are the Miami Open tennis tournament and this weekend's Jazz in the Gardens concert. He said he would decide whether concerts can continue at the AmericanAir-

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NEW YORK

Weinstein gets 23 years in sentence hailed by accusers

■ Former Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein, who was convicted of rape, said: 'To all the women who testified, we may have different truths, but I have great remorse for all of you.' The 67-year-old could spend the rest of his life behind bars.

BY MICHAEL R. SISAK, TOM HAYS, AND JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK

Harvey Weinstein was sentenced Wednesday to 23 years in prison after breaking his courtroom silence with a rambling plea for mercy in which he professed to be "totally confused" by the #MeToo movement that spelled the Hollywood producer's downfall.

His accusers — those who testified against him and many others who have spoken out elsewhere against the former Hollywood mogul — hailed the near-maximum punishment for his rape and criminal-sex-act convictions as long overdue.

Weinstein

The 67-year-old Weinstein, who arrived at the courthouse Wednesday in a wheelchair and was taken to a hospital after complaining of chest pains hours after the court hearing, could spend the rest of his life behind bars.

He was convicted last month of raping a once-aspiring actress in a New York City hotel room in 2013 and forcibly performing oral sex on former TV and film production assistant Mimi Haleyi at his apartment in 2006. He faced a minimum of five years and a maximum of 29 years in prison.

The conviction marked the first criminal fallout from a raft of allegations that the Oscar-winning movie producer used his clout to lure women, sexually assault or harass them, and then silence them.

"Although this is a first conviction, this is not a first offense," Judge James Burke said in imposing the sentence.

Weinstein, who did not testify

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